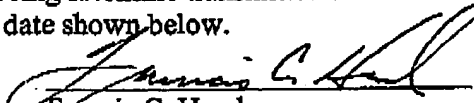


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Applicant: Vincent L. Vaillancourt, deceased  
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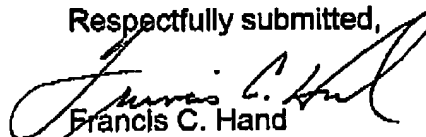
**Request for Extension of Time**

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Shortened Statutory Period for responding to the Office Action dated April 18, 2006 be extended three (3) months to October 18, 2006. A response to the Office Action is being filed herewith.

Please charge the cost of \$510.00 and any additional fees to deposit account 03-0678.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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